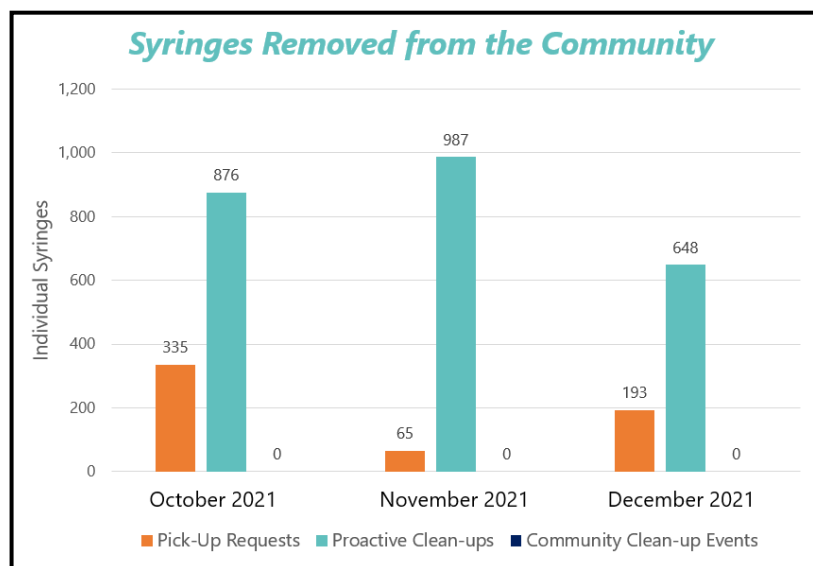


# Syringe Collection Program Quarterly Report *Oct. - Dec. 2021*



The Syringe Collection Program (SCP) at the Lowell Health Department was established in 2019 as a means to educate the community on sharps safety and to respond to discarded syringe pick-up requests within Lowell. The SCP Coordinator actively builds relationships with community organizations to identify locations of frequent needle discard, proactively removes discarded needles in public spaces, coordinates educational activities surrounding safe needle storage and disposal, and supports community clean-up efforts. This quarterly report provides information on the program's progress.



## *Syringe "Hotspots"*

The SCP Coordinator works to identify areas across Lowell that have a high concentration of discarded syringes. These sites are proactively checked for syringes on a weekly basis. In this quarter, the most popular spots were concentrated near Veteran's Way and South Common Park.

## *Fast Facts Oct. - Dec. 2021*

**3,104**

total syringes collected

**91**

incoming discarded syringe  
pick-up requests

**166**

hours spent on  
proactive cleanups

**19**

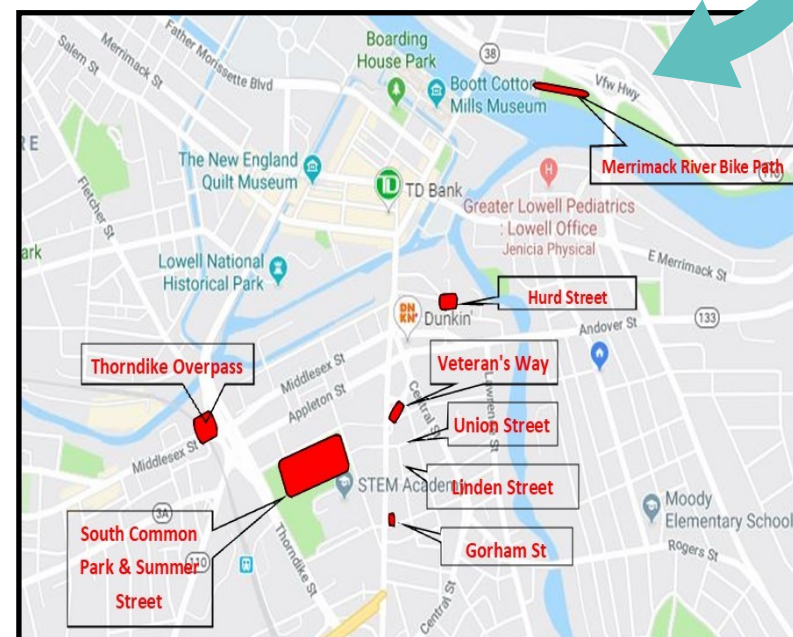
different community  
partners engaged

**2**

new syringe  
"hotspots" identified

**0**

community clean-up  
events attended



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